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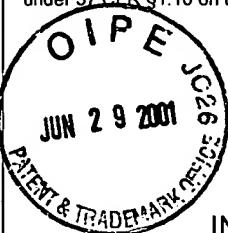
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 HOGREFE, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1656
 Serial No.: 09/399,003) Examiner: S. HOUTTEMAN
 Filed: September 20, 1999)
 For: POLYMERASE ENHANCING)
 FACTOR (PEF) EXTRACTS,)
 PEF PROTEIN COMPLEXES,)
 ISOLATED PEF PROTEIN, AND)
 METHODS FOR PURIFYING)
 AND IDENTIFYING)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2000. The period for reply has been extended three (3) months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

 Please cancel claims 1-57 and 69-74 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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